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Applicant: Travers et al.

Application No.: 09/649,399

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For: Dish Drainer and Tray System With Compact
Storage of the Tray

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final official action mailed January 28, 2002.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections is hereby respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination, a petition for an appropriate time extension, and the requisite fees accompany this paper. This paper is essentially identical to the response filed on April 29, 2002, except claim 18 has also been amended herein as discussed below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 18 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:

a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base defining an interior of the dish drainer;